

than you are able to pay. I am receiving now about \$700, and I find it leaves me little or nothing to do good with. This is the reason why I named \$800 - but I thought you would understand that I submitted the whole matter of money (as I said) to the good sense and good feelings of my bro. If \$800 is too much, say \$700; and, if that cannot be raised, say \$600. Not that I am over anxious to get place - not that I am in very special need of money, or fear of starvation - but because I want to do just right.

The time is rapidly passing. I think now I shall leave here in about three weeks. I have to deliver the Poem at the commencement of the Baptist College at Saffield, Conn., and on the 18th of Aug., and hardly think I shall return after that. The engagement I make, therefore, will begin about that time. There are other fields open to me, but my mind still preponderates to the Bay State.

Now, dear brother, will you write me, pro. or con., this week? Don't be afraid of hurting my feelings, by telling me frankly the state of the case. I have been in "this most righteous but unpopular cause" long enough to be prepared for any thing. If, therefore, there is any difficulty in the way which I may remove, let me know it at once, that I may undertake the task.

Do not forget me in all your prayers, and allow me to remain

Yours affectionately,

Charles M. Denison.

(Private.)

Rev. C. W. Denison.

Paterson, July 13, 1840.

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Dear Brother Phelps:

After waiting a month for something definite respecting an Agency, it is as near like nature as can be that I should begin to be anxious on the subject.

I should not, perhaps, have had my mind directed to Miss. had not br. St. Clair and Torrey so affectionately solicited my aid last year. I am still inclined to indulge the hope that God might bless my labors in that field, and therefore I cannot entirely get rid of convictions of duty on the subject. But I think I am entirely at the disposal of the good will of God.

"Nor am I anxious,

If I am prepared,

What shape he comes in."

Brother Leavitt mentioned to me privately that you had written him for information respecting me, and that he had answered favorably. This led me to suppose that my mind would soon be relieved. But recently I have been led to think that my dear br. L. T. is afraid that too much money will be drawn off from the A. & F. to the M. A. S., and that therefore he has written adverse to the appointment of any more local Agents. I mean nothing invidious to him by this suggestion, for I have reason to believe that our affection and confidence are sincere and mutual; but I know from experience how well he takes care of "No. 1."

Perhaps I have stated the expenses of my family to be more